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Chief, Field Operations Staff

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African Bureau

1. After an extensive recruiting trip in Nigeria, the Chief, African Bureau hired six French/English monitors. All monitors hired will need considerable language training before they meet FBIS monitor standards.  East Coast Bureau French monitor departed on 9 September for Kaduna, Nigeria. He will remain at the African Bureau for approximately three months to assist in monitor training.

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2. General coverage of Latin American transmitters was increased in connection with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council meeting in Punta del Este, Uruguay, 5-17 August. Special arrangements were made for rapid processing and publication of delegates' speeches. Liaison and requirements Staff provided Daily Report background material for the U.S. delegation prior to its departure and arranged to have the Daily Report airmailed to the U.S. Embassy in Montevideo during the conference period.

3. Field bureaus are reminded that if a message from BIS requesting information "soonest" cannot be answered within 12 hours because of the unavailability of Cruising Monitor or other competent personnel, an advisory message should be sent indicating when information will be forthcoming. Since BIS attempts to relate urgent requests to normal

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bureau operating hours, urgency may not be reflected in the precedence of such messages. However, any expected delays in answering would assist BIS in satisfying questions posed at FBIS Headquarters.

4. The Broadcast Information Section has completed the preparation of material for the publication "Broadcasting Stations of the World" which has a cut-off date of 1 September. The thousands of IBM cards have been sorted and made ready for the first IBM run, which is scheduled for late September. The publication is expected to be ready for distribution by February.

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